

## Event Name: BFHD COVID-19

Report Period: 12/10/2020 – 12/16/2020	Mission #: 20-0265	Jurisdictions Impacted: Benton & Franklin Counties
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YELLOW HIGHLIGHTS DENOTE NEW/CHANGED INFORMATION

### General Situation/Overview:

On January 21, 2020, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Washington State Department of Health announced the first case of 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) in the United States and in Washington State. As of 3/19/2020 a 24, 48, 72-hour planning projection of the response is being done daily. Friday's planning projection will encompass Saturday and Sunday, then resume normal planning projections on Monday.

### Benton and Franklin County At-A-Glance

Total Case Count 12/16/20	Benton	Franklin
Confirmed*	10,089	7,797
Deaths**	144	69

\*Confirmed: positive test result. \*\*Deaths: BFHD defined a COVID-19 death as someone who died with COVID-19 as their primary cause of death

City Case Count 12/16/20	April OFM Population	# of Cases
Pasco	77,100	6825
Mesa	495	217
Connell	5,500	474
Kahlotus	165	<10
Eltopia	-	104
Kennewick	84,960	5891
Richland	58,550	2321
West Richland	15,710	640
Benton City	3,560	411
Prosser	6220	666
Plymouth	-	31
Paterson	-	19
Not Specified	-	278

Current Hospital Status 12/16/20 M-F		COVID Like Illness = CLI	
	# Hospitalized Patients	# COVID-19 Confirmed & CLI	% COVID-19 Confirmed & CLI
Current hospitalized patients	388	76	19.6

Case Locations of Interest 12/16/20	
# of Cases	
Long Term Care Residents and Staff	706
Please visit <a href="https://www.doc.wa.gov/corrections/covid-19/data.htm">Washington State Department of Corrections site</a> for current case counts at Coyote Ridge Corrections Center. ( <a href="https://www.doc.wa.gov/corrections/covid-19/data.htm">https://www.doc.wa.gov/corrections/covid-19/data.htm</a> )	

## **OPERATIONS SECTION:**

**OUTBREAK MITIGATION & DATA:** Identify the COVID-19 spread, including clusters; track any lab confirmed cases and determine potential exposures. Identify the spread of COVID-19 in long-term care and community living facilities and provide infection control guidance and resources to those facilities. Input data from Epi into existing systems; WDRS and Redcap surveys.

- Last week the average case count per day was 217 and the weekend total ( Friday, Saturday, Sunday) was 678
- Active Outbreaks in the community: these outbreaks meet the definition of an outbreak as described in the 10/1/20 Washington Outbreak report – click link below for report
- <https://www.doh.wa.gov/Portals/1/Documents/1600/coronavirus/StatewideCOVID-19OutbreakReport.pdf>
  - **General Business Community** – 27 with 59 pending investigations
  - **Long Term Care Facilities** – 18 with 1 pending investigations
  - **HealthCare Settings** – 12 with 0 pending investigations
  - **Childcare Settings** – 0 active investigations with 2 pending investigations
  - **Schools** – 2 with 7 ending investigations
- DOH has released new definitions for outbreaks in Long Term Care Facilities that go into effect after the New Year.
- COVID Vaccine update – Washington State received 62,400 doses of Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine, of which 31,200 doses were allocated to 13 counties reserving the other 31,200 doses to be shipped later for the second dose 21 days later
- our community did receive vaccine doses this week for our high-risk care givers in our hospitals, first responders and long-term care givers
- The FDA has scheduled a meeting of its Vaccines and Related Biological Products Advisory Committee (VRBPAC) for tomorrow to discuss the emergency use authorization of the Moderna Vaccine on December 17<sup>th</sup>
- **\*Projected timeline** – after VRBPAC meeting on Dec 17<sup>th</sup> \* this is a projection only NOT OFFICAL INFORMATION\*
  - December 18-22 EUA decision and Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) review and Scientific Safety Review workgroup, as part of the Western State Pact
  - Dec 22<sup>nd</sup> (potential if everything aligns) vaccine allocation availability for ordering and distribution
- The vaccine is currently only being administered to 1A individuals according to the DOH vaccine guidance <https://www.doh.wa.gov/Portals/1/Documents/1600/coronavirus/VaccineAllocationPhase1A.pdf>
- Washington state is estimated to receive 222,000 doses of the Pfizer vaccine by the end of December and 180,000 doses of the Moderna Vaccine by the end of December.
- There is NO WAIT list you can call to be placed on – There are scams out there regarding the COVID vaccine – please note that neither BFHD or DOH will call you and ask for money to place you on a vaccine list – for more information on spotting coronavirus scams go to <https://coronavirus.wa.gov/what-you-need-know/coronavirus-scams>
- BFHD webpage has added a COVID Vaccine page to help answer frequently asked questions <https://www.bfhd.wa.gov/cms/One.aspx?portalId=10766056&pageId=17196242>
- BFHD Continues to have weekly calls with the school districts - There have been several reports from schools on individuals (student/staff) who are COVID positive and have been in class or at school, BFHD and the schools are working closely to determine if there are any “outbreaks” as defined by DOH: 1. Two or more laboratory positive (PCR) COVID-19 cases, AND 2. At least two of the cases have symptom on set dates within 14 days of each other, AND 3. Plausible epidemiological evidence of transmission in a shared location other than a household is observed
- Visit each individual school district website for current information on hybrid learning schedules, safety plans and COVID-19 Activity Dashboards
- Dr. Amy Person, BFHD Health Officer has issued a letter to the school districts on 11/19/20 with additional recommendations a copy of the letter can be found here [https://www.bfhd.wa.gov/UserFiles/Servers/Server\\_10765972/File/BFHD%20Health%20Officer%20Update%20to%20Schools%20Nov.%2019%202020.pdf](https://www.bfhd.wa.gov/UserFiles/Servers/Server_10765972/File/BFHD%20Health%20Officer%20Update%20to%20Schools%20Nov.%2019%202020.pdf)
- BFHD will be issuing the BinaxNOW Antigen test kits to school districts who have requested them. The BFHD Schools Team will be working closely with district representatives to distribute the kits over the course of the week.

## **CONTACT TRACING & CARE COORDINATION:**

- Care Coordination team connects people in Isolation or quarantine to the services they need to stay isolated. This may be providing a Walgreens Hygiene kit or a Kroger Food box or connecting them with rent assistance, grocery or prescription delivery or other services. With the increasing case count Care Coordination is averaging about over 30 case referrals per day. BFHD/Care Coordination Team has partnered with Yakima Valley Farm Workers who has agreed to take up to 20 household referrals a day to ensure that all those who need services can be reached on a daily basis. Care Coordination received 70 case referrals over the weekend

#### **COMMUNITY TESTING:**

- To date, the National Guard at the HAPO Center testing site has administered **\*20,292 COVID tests**. Testing numbers are as follows: Thursday 12/10– 121, Friday 12/11-167, Tuesday 12/15 – 119, Wednesday 12/16- 166  
\*this total includes #'s from when Toyota Center test site was operational as well)
- The HAPO Test site has transitioned to the same system and lab that is used at the CBC-West test site. Pre-registration is encouraged for a faster test experience at [www.wacovid19.org/hapotesting](http://www.wacovid19.org/hapotesting) ,and test results are received in 2-3 days. Site Hours of Operations remain the same, Tuesday - Friday from 7:00am- 3:00pm
- The National Guard Community Based Testing mission has been extended until March 17 2021
- BFHD is working with Benton County to secure a location for community based testing in Benton County. This may include a relocation of the National Guard.
- CBC-West Test Site: To date the site has administered **34,093 COVID tests**. Testing numbers this week are as follows: Thursday 12/10 – 700, Friday 12/11 – 686, Saturday 12/12 -597, Sunday 12/13- 577, Monday 12/14 – 886, Tuesday 12/15- 665, Wednesday 12/16- 739
- CBC-West Test Site is open 7 days a week Monday -Sunday from 8:30am to 4:00pm - pre-registration makes for a faster experience at the test site – however you may still have to wait in line until you reach the point where the site breaks into lanes, please be patient. Click the link to be taken to the registration page [www.wacovid19.org/tricitiestesting](http://www.wacovid19.org/tricitiestesting)
- Positivity rate for the CBC West Test Site is 21.94% and the positivity rate for the HAPO test Site is 10.5%

**COMMUNITY RELATIONS / PUBLIC INFORMATION:** Keep our community informed and educated; providing accurate information. Maintain our call center and website; providing updated information. Develop and maintain media products for the weekly press conference.

- Need support during COVID-19? Call Washington Listens - Crisis Connections helps facilitate a support line called Washington Listens. Washington Listens will provide non-clinical support to people who feel sad, anxious, or stressed due to COVID-19. Washington Listens is free and anonymous. Any Washington resident can call, and a support specialist will listen and help to guide you to connections within your community. Call [Washington Listens](tel:1-833-681-0211) at 1-833-681-0211. Someone is available to talk from Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. and weekends from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. TTY and language access services are available.
- BFHD will hold a Media Briefing tomorrow December 17<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am, a media advisory was sent on Tuesday with the Zoom link and an email address to submit question in advance of the briefing. You can view the conference on the BFHD Facebook Page
- BFHD updates [Website](#) [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#) daily

#### **LOGISTICS:**

##### **PPE RECEIVING/DISTRIBUTION:**

- List of PPE vendors the state uses to procure PPE items  
<https://des.wa.gov/sites/default/files/public/documents/ContractingPurchasing/covid19/Vendors.pdf>
- If you are curious to know how much PPE each county has received from the state you can find that information here  
<https://coronavirus.wa.gov/what-you-need-know/personal-protective-equipment/tracking-ppe-distribution>
- Supply both the HAPO Testing Site and CBC-West Testing Site with PPE as needed/requested

- **Reminder entities should only be requesting assistance for those supplies they are unable to procure for themselves.** PPE requests from Hospitals/EMS/Law Enforcement/Clinics/LTC/Dentists need to be sent to their respective Emergency Management no later than **10:00am every Friday** or as circumstances dictate – a weekly request will be made to the state every Friday for delivery of supplies the following week.  
Benton – [d.davis@bces.wa.gov](mailto:d.davis@bces.wa.gov) Franklin – [sdavis@co.franklin.wa.us](mailto:sdavis@co.franklin.wa.us)

#### **DAILY and FUTURE OPERATIONS:**

##### **RECURRING ACTIVITIES:**

- Daily at 8:00am - Operational Briefing
- Tuesday Planning meeting at 4:00pm – Planning Meeting via ZOOM
- Dissemination of BFHD weekly Incident Action Plan released Tuesday's by 5:00
- Tuesday at 1:00pm – Region 8 Healthcare and partners call
- Every other Tuesday at 2:00pm - BFHD hosts local elected officials and decision-makers conference call – **next meeting is December 29<sup>th</sup>**
- Tuesday at 2:00 - SEOC Unified Command Ops to BFHD Command Ops meeting
- Unified Situational Report (SitRep) dissemination once weekly - Wednesday only
- Wednesday at 10:30am - Local Hospital/Clinic/EMS/EM coordination call via ZOOM
- Every other Wednesday at 1:00 PM- BFHD School Team hosts a call with local school nursing staff. **The next meeting is December 30<sup>th</sup>.**
- Every other Wednesday at 1:30pm – Call with local agricultural partners. This call has ended. It will be restarted next year prior to the growing season. Ag partners will be kept engaged via email through the winter. The BFHD Outreach team participates in an Agriculture call hosted by Yakima Health District, hosted the third Friday of every month.
- Every other Wednesday at 1:00pm - North Franklin County Community Leadership meeting – call in phone 1-509-545-3555 meeting number: 5847# access code: 3555# **the next meeting will be January 6, 2021**
- Thursday at 11:30am - Coordination call with the WA State EOC, 1-877-820-7831, password 782831# - State SitRep is not produced on the weekends it will be sent M-F only
- Thursday at 10:00- BFHD School Team hosts a call with local school administration.
- Every other Thursday at 1:30 - Municipality Advisory Council the next meeting is **December 17<sup>th</sup>**
- Every other Wednesday at 1:30pm - call with BFHD and LTC agencies

##### **FUTURE OPERATIONS:**

- COVID vaccine planning
- Continue planning efforts in preparation for when the governor releases restrictions on movements between the phases of the safe start plan. Planning for a Phase 3 request for our area

##### **CURRENT RISKS:**

- Rising case counts and an uptick in COVID hospitalizations
- School re-opening across the two counties – monitoring for outbreaks
- Flu season and recognition of Flu vs. COVID
- Holiday Season/ get together and the impact on COVID disease rate in our community

**WHERE TO FIND MORE INFORMATION:**

- Benton-Franklin Health District- All News: <https://www.bfhd.wa.gov>
- Washington State Department of Health: <https://www.doh.wa.gov/Emergencies/Coronavirus>
- Center for Disease Control and Prevention: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>
- REDI Healthcare Coalition: <https://srhd.org/programs-and-services/hcc/eei->

**DISTRIBUTED TO:**

Local Health Jurisdiction: Management Team, EOC/ECC Staff, all BFHD Staff

Region 8: Local Emergency Response Coordinators, Emergency Management agencies, healthcare partners, Fire/EMS agencies

WA State: Regional Emergency Response Coordinators, DOH Duty Officer

Eastern WA: REDi Coalition Duty Officer

Cross Boarder: Oregon Regions 6 and 9 Liaisons